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The Supernatural in Christianity. With special reference to statements in the recent Gifford Lectures. By Principal RAINY, D.D.; Professor J. ORR, D.D., and Professor MARCUS DODS, D.D. With prefatory statement by Professor A. H. Charteris, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Imported by Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York, 1894. Pp. 10+111. Price, 75 cents.

This is the reply of the Edinburgh professors to the attack made upon supernatural Christianity by Professor Otto Pfleiderer, of Berlin, in his recent lectures at Edinburgh upon the Philosophy and Development of Religion, delivered upon the new Gifford foundation. The exact words of that attack may be found in the second volume of the lectures of Professor Pfleiderer, published by Blackwood & Sons, London (imported by Putnams, New York). It is the most recent and perhaps the most radical elimination of everything from the biblical narrative which cannot be accounted for by exclusively natural processes. This small but important book, in defense of the supernatural in the Christian religion, endeavors to answer the objections made, and to show the inadequacy and the unhistorical character of Professor Pfleiderer's position and criticisms. That they succeed in this would not be admitted by the German doctor and his followers, but to the great majority who are not weighed down with the inveterate prejudice of this school against the supernatural the reply seems very apt and convincing. It is not in England or in America that Professor Pfleiderer can, at least at present, expect to awaken a large acceptance of his radical views—indeed, even in Germany there is a significant turning away from the extreme and rigorous theories which have been advocated during fifty years, beginning with Baur, by certain eminent scholars. Just because Professor Pfleiderer has made valuable, perhaps even invaluable, contributions to the study of primitive Christianity, his extreme ideas upon the subject of the supernatural will attract greater attention and carry greater weight than they deserve to do.

Even for those who have no access to the Gifford lectures, this joint work of the Scotch scholars will be a very helpful book to know thoroughly as an antidote for anti-biblical arguments which are current everywhere. The introductory lecture, by Professor Rainy, discusses *The Issues at Stake*. The second lecture, by Professor Orr, answers the question, *Can Professor Pfleiderer's View Justify Itself?* and the closing lecture, by Professor Dods, treats of the *Trustworthiness of the Gospels*. It is needless to say that these scholars have dealt with these subjects competently and impressively.

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